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THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF OSWESTRY

Public Health Office
Castle View,
OSWESTRY,
Shropshire.

To the Chairman and Members of the Oswestry Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the Health and Environmental Circumstances of the District for the year 1971.

The general statistics and vital statistics show no major changes during the year.

The area comparability factors for births and deaths are the same as those for 1970 and are used to allow approximate comparison of local and national rates. It will be seen that the local adjusted rates for births and deaths are both slightly above the national rates, but are generally comparable.

The still birth rate and the infant mortality rates are below the national average as is the perinatal mortality rate, which is a good measure of the care that our children are receiving during the most hazardous time of their lives, at the actual moment of birth.

Analysis of the deaths shows the normal pattern with the majority being due to heart, cerebro-vascular and other diseases of the circulatory system at 206, secondly the cancer deaths at 69 and thirdly deaths due to chest diseases at 34. Lung cancer deaths were 14 as compared with 15 for 1970 and 1969. One occurred in the age group 25-34, 2 in

the age group 45-54, 2 in the age group 55-64, 6 in the age group 65-74 and 3 in the age group 75 and over.

The number of lung cancer deaths per year appears to have reached a steady state, but 13 of these were males and only 1 was female. In view of the increased smoking now occurring in the females the lung cancer deaths are expected to increase in their case.

Deaths due to motor vehicle accidents are down from 10 to 2, all other accidents are approximately the same at 7 instead of 6 and suicide and self-inflicted injuries are up to 6 from 1 in 1970. These numbers can be expected to show variations from year to year, but nevertheless do represent avoidable deaths and every effort needs to be made to keep them to a minimum. Five out of 7 of the deaths due to all other accidents were in the age group 75 and over and none of the deaths due to motor vehicle accidents or suicidal and self-inflicted injuries were over 74 years. This indicates that prevention of motor vehicle accidents and suicidal deaths would be most worthwhile, but illness and incapacity are important, both in motor vehicle accidents and in home accidents, and must be borne in mind, as well as the actual deaths occurring.

The notifications of infectious diseases for 1971 show an increase in the incidence of measles cases during the months of October, November and December. This continued into January, February and March, 1972 and then gradually fell away. Measles is the commonest of the notifiable infectious diseases and occurs in cycles. A vaccine is available to prevent measles and is being used extensively, so that the regular outbreaks of measles cases will probably not occur in the future.

The steady improvement in the control of tuberculosis continues and the number of cases on the register shows a gradual fall. New cases still occur and constant vigilance is required. There is no quick way to clear the disease of tuberculosis from the community and, whereas with modern

treatment it is not the killer that it was, it remains an incapacitating illness, particularly in the older members of the community.

Mr. J.V. Meredith, the Chief Public Health Inspector, has included his comprehensive report on the health of the environment. Due regard is not always given to the value of the work of the public health inspectors and their essential part in protecting the health of the community. I should like to mention two items of particular interest. The first one is the installation of the pulveriser in the cycle of waste disposal and the second is the laying of new sewers and disposal works to serve the village of Selattyn. This essential service will greatly assist landlords in improving property which hitherto lacked drainage facilities.

My thanks are expressed to members of the Council for their enthusiastic support and to the staff of the Health Department for their help throughout the year.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

A. H. WILDE,

Medical Officer of Health.

August, 1972.

H E A L T H D E P A R T M E N T P E R S O N N E L

Medical Officer of Health:

Arthur H. WILDE, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Chief Public Health Inspector:

J.V. MEREDITH, C.S.I.B.

Certified Meat and Foods Inspector.

Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector:

M.W. WILLIAMS, M.A.P.H.I., DIP. P.H.I.E.B.

Public Health Inspector:

T.H. POWEL, F.R.S.H.

Public Health Inspector:

J. PENNINGTON, CERT. S.I.E.B.

Additional Public Health Inspector:
(Temporary Appointment)

J.D. SIMMONS, B.Sc. (Hons), DIP. P.H.I.E.B., M.A.P.H.I.

Housing Assistant:

MISS W.L. GRIFFITHS

Clerical Staff

MISS L. WILLIAMS

MRS. V.J. HAYDEN

GENERAL STATISTICS

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The following are the General Statistics for the Oswestry Rural District:-

Area in acres	63,704
Population estimate as given by the Registrar	
General	31,620
Number of inhabited houses (on Rate Book)	10,525
Rateable Value	£1,076,294
Sum represented by a penny rate	£10,243

VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1971

		OSWESTRY R.D.			ENGLAND and WALES (TOTAL)
		Males	Females	Total	
Estimated mid-year home population		-	-	31,620	48,815,000
<u>Live Births</u>	Total	243	248	491	783,165
	Legitimate	222	227	449	717,491
	Illegitimate	21	21	42	65,674
<u>Still births</u>	Total	4	-	4	9,898
	Legitimate	3	-	3	8,826
	Illegitimate	1	-	1	1,072
<u>Total Live and Still Births</u>	Total	247	248	495	793,063
	Legitimate	225	227	452	726,317
	Illegitimate	22	21	43	66,746
<u>Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age</u>	Total	5	3	8	13,726
	Legitimate	4	3	7	12,140
	Illegitimate	1	-	1	1,586
<u>under 4 weeks of age</u>	Total	3	2	5	9,113
	Legitimate	2	2	4	8,121
	Illegitimate	1	-	1	992
<u>under 1 week of age</u>	Total	2	2	4	7,750
	Legitimate	2	2	4	6,903
	Illegitimate	-	-	-	847
<u>Deaths - all ages</u>		191	189	380	567,345

VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1971

	OSWESTRY R.D.	ENGLAND and WALES
<u>Live birth rates, etc.</u>		
Live births per 1,000 population (crude rate)	15.5	16.0
Area comparability factor	1.05	1.00
Local adjusted rate	16.3	16.0
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	1.02	1.00
Illegitimate live births as % of all live births	9	8
<u>Stillbirth rate</u>		
Stillbirths per 1,000 total live and still births	8	12
<u>Infant mortality rates</u>		
Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births	16	18
Deaths of legitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 legitimate live births	16	17
Deaths of illegitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 illegitimate live births	24	24
<u>Neo-natal mortality rate</u>		
Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births	10	12
<u>Early neo-natal mortality rate</u>		
Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births	8	10
<u>Perinatal mortality rate</u>		
Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births	16	22
<u>Death rates, etc. - all ages</u>		
Deaths per 1,000 home population (crude rate)	12.0	11.6
Area comparability factor	.98	1.00
Local adjusted rate	11.8	11.6
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	1.01	1.00

BIRTHS, DEATHS, STILL BIRTHS, INFANT MORTALITY, MATERNAL MORTALITY

	Live Births	Rate per 1,000 Pop.	Total Deaths	Rate per 1,000 Pop.	Still Births	Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births	Infant Deaths	Rate per 1,000 Live Births	Maternal Deaths	Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births
OSWESTRY R.D.	491	15.5	380	12.0	4	8	8	16	-	-
COUNTY OF SALOP	5,770	16.9	3,802	11.1	86	15.0	82	14.0	-	-
ENGLAND AND WALES	783,165	16.0	567,345	11.6	9,898	12	13,726	18	133	0.17

CAUSES OF DEATH

CAUSE	1971	1970
Enteritis and other Diarrhoeal Diseases	1	-
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	2	-
Late effects of Respiratory Tuberculosis	1	2
Meningococcal Infection	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	2	4
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	8	12
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	15	12
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	14	15
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	8	5
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	5	5
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	1	2
Leukaemia	2	2
Other Malignant Neoplasms	14	26
Diabetes Mellitus	2	5
Avitaminoses	1	-
Other Endocrine etc. Diseases	1	-
Mental Disorders	1	-
Other Diseases of Nervous System	7	4
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	3	4
Hypertensive Disease	9	4
Ischaemic Heart Disease	92	116
Other forms of Heart Disease	11	13
Cerebrovascular Disease	64	63
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	27	25
Influenza	1	4
Pneumonia	12	11
Bronchitis and Emphysema	13	13
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	8	1
Peptic Ulcer	8	2
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	2	3
Cirrhosis of Liver	1	-
Other Diseases of Digestive System	2	3
Nephritis and Nephrosis	2	2
Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	-
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	4	2
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	5	-
Congenital Anomalies	4	1
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc..	2	2
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	1	1
Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	5	-
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	10
All Other Accidents	7	6
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	6	1
All Other External Causes	2	3
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	380	395

CANCER

	Deaths		Total	Rate per 1,000 population
	M.	F.		
OSWESTRY R.D.	34	35	69	2.1
COUNTY OF SALOP	395	331	726	2.12
ENGLAND & WALES	62997	53900	116,897	2.39

INFANT MORTALITY

OSWESTRY R.D.	Under 1 day		1 - 7 days		7 days - 1 month		1 - 3 months		3 - 6 months		6 - 9 months		9 - 12 months		Total		Combined Total	Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		
	2	2	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	5	3		

NEO-NATAL MORTALITY

OSWESTRY R.D.	Deaths of infants under 1 month		Percentage of total infant deaths	Rate per 1,000 Live Births
	M.	F.		
	3	2	62	10

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Age	Dysentery		Food Poisoning		Infective Hepatitis		Measles		Meningococcal Infection		Scarlet Fever	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	8	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	-	-	-	-
2	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	7	-	-	-	-
3	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	3	-	-	-	-
4	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	3	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	39	38	-	-	-	1
10	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	1	-	-	-
15	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
75 & over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	1	-	2	1	-	73	67	1	-	-	1

MONTHLY INCIDENCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Disease	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Infective Hepatitis	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Measles	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	28	30	77
Meningococcal Infection	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS

The total number of cases on the register shows a gradual fall and the number of new cases notified remains at 3 which is the same as last year. The 3 deaths consisted of 2 female deaths from respiratory Tuberculosis in the age group 65 - 74 and 1 male death from the late effects of respiratory tuberculosis in the age group 65 - 74.

OSWESTRY R.D.	Respiratory		Non-respiratory		Total	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Civilian cases	3	-	-	-	3	-
Service cases	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	3	-	-	-	3	-
Cured	-	1	-	1	-	2
Left District	1	1	1	1	2	2
Deaths	1	2	1	1	1	2
Totals	2	4	1	2	3	6

Number of cases on the Register at the end of 1971:-

Respiratory		Non-respiratory		Totals	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
73	29	11	25	84	54

Number of Primary notifications during the year 3
 Death Rate per 1,000 population (respiratory) 0.063
 Death Rate per 1,000 population (respiratory late effects) 0.031
 Death Rate per 1,000 population (respiratory E & W) 0.019
 Death Rate per 1,000 population (respiratory
 late effects E & W) 0.006

CLINICS AND HOSPITALS IN THE DISTRICT

Tuberculosis Clinics

The Physician attends at:-

Oswestry and District Hospital, Upper Brook Street, Oswestry,
every Friday from 1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The Chest Clinic, Copthorne Hospital, Shrewsbury,
every Wednesday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Venereal Disease Clinics

Clinics are administered by the Regional Hospital Board and the one available to this area is held at:-

No. 1 Belmont, Shrewsbury.

Attendance:	Females	...	Mondays	...	3.30 to 5.30 p.m.
			Thursdays	...	5.00 to 7.00 p.m.
	Males	...	Tuesdays	...	6.00 to 8.00 p.m.
			Fridays	...	6.00 to 8.00 p.m.

Local Health Authority Clinics

Under the National Health Service Act, 1946, the County Council being the Local Health Authority, provides child health clinics. The clinic in Oswestry is held at 30, Upper Brook Street every Wednesday from 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1.30 to 4.30 p.m. Immunisation against Poliomyelitis, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus and Measles is provided.

In addition a mobile clinic is in operation covering most of the rural villages. It visits Gobowen every 2nd and 4th Tuesday in the month stationed outside the Methodist Schoolroom from 2.00 to 4.30 p.m.

Kinnerley on the 2nd Tuesday in the month, stationed at the Village Hall Car Park from 11.15 to 11.45 a.m. Knockin every 2nd Tuesday in the month, stationed outside the Public Hall from 12 noon to 12.30 p.m.

Ruyton XI Towns every 2nd Friday in the month, stationed at Birch Grove Estate from 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. St. Martins every 1st and 3rd Tuesday in the month, stationed at the Miners Institute Car Park from 2.00 to 4.00 p.m.

Clinics continued.

West Felton every 2nd Friday in the month, stationed at the Punch Bowl Car Park from 2.00 to 3.00 p.m. Weston Rhyn every 4th Tuesday in the month, stationed at Brookfield Estate from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Whittington every 1st and 3rd Tuesday in the month, stationed at the cul-de-sac off Station Road from 9.30 to 11.00 a.m. and at The Olde Boote Inn from 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

National Milk, A and D vitamin capsules and A and D liquid are available. The Clinics are staffed by experienced Health Visitors who can give advice on any problems connected with the rearing, feeding and management of babies and young children. A doctor is in attendance to carry out developmental examinations and give advice on medical problems.

Dental Clinics

The Salop County Council provides a dental service for expectant and nursing mothers and for pre-school age and school age children. The aim of the School Dental Service is to ensure that, as far as is practicable children will leave school without the loss of permanent teeth, free from dental disease and irregularity, and trained in the care of their teeth. The Dentist holds frequent weekly sessions at the Child Health Clinic, 30, Upper Brook Street, Oswestry.

Child Guidance Clinics

The Child Psychiatrist sees children by appointment at the Child Health Clinic, 30, Upper Brook Street, Oswestry and also in Shrewsbury. Sessions are also held in all parts of the county as and when the need arises.

Family Planning Clinics

The Family Planning Association hold a clinic every Thursday between 6.30 and 7.30 p.m. in the County Council Clinic at 30, Upper Brook Street, Oswestry.

Hospitals within Oswestry Rural District

The Sir Robert Jones and Dame Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital.

Oswestry and District Hospital.

Morda House Hospital, Morda, Oswestry.

Greenfields Hospital, Morda, Oswestry.

Other hospitals which provide accommodation for the district are as follows:-

The Royal Salop Infirmary, Shrewsbury.

The Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital, Shrewsbury.

Copthorne Hospital, Shrewsbury.

Cross Houses Hospital, Shrewsbury.

Monkmoor Hospital, Shrewsbury.

Shelton Hospital, Shrewsbury.

All are administered by Birmingham Regional Hospital Board which was constituted in accordance with the National Health Service Act.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

Under the National Health Service Act it became the duty of the County Council, the local health authority under the Act, to make provisions for securing that ambulances and other means of transport are available for the conveyance of persons suffering from physical or mental illness and expectant mothers or nursing mothers, from places in their area to places in or outside their area. The Ambulance Station serving the area is based on Morda Road, Oswestry.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951

No action was called for under this Act during the year 1971.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

Laboratory facilities are available at the Public Health Laboratory, Copthorne Hospital, Shrewsbury. Telephone: Shrewsbury 57101.

Dr. A.C. Jones is the Director and Bacteriologist and the Micro-Biologist is Dr. C.A. Morris.

This service undertakes work for local authorities free of charge in so far as it is relevant to diagnosis. It is particularly valuable in the examination of food samples.

NATIONAL BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE

Today, blood transfusion in hospitals is an everyday occurrence, and is for many people a life saving treatment. Loss of blood in accidents, childbirth, operation, anaemia or severe burns makes heavy demands on this invaluable service.

The National Blood Transfusion Service Unit based on Birmingham visits Oswestry twice yearly and welcomes all donors, both the "old faithfuls" who continue to respond year after year, and new donors.

The number of donors in 1971 is as follows:-

<u>Attended</u>	<u>Bled</u>
352	339

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

Routine medical examinations are carried out in schools and clinics, and from time to time the Medical Officer of Health is called upon to undertake

- (a) Pre-employment examination of all entrants to Local Government service employed by Oswestry Rural District Council.
- (b) Examination of all entrants to the teaching profession.
- (c) The assessment of the fitness of various individuals to continue their present employment.

PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES

The Statutory Water Undertaker is the West Shropshire Board.

Sources of supply remain the same, namely:-

Boreholes Ruyton-XI-Towns.

Boreholes Mardy.

Penygwely.

Liverpool Corporation, Lake Vyrnwy.

RESULTS OF BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS OF PIPED SUPPLIES FROM PUBLIC MAINS.

Date	Supply	B. coli	Faecal coli.	Plate Count
13.5.71	Oswestry Swimming Baths (Deep end)	0	0	0
	Oswestry Swimming Baths (Shallow end)	0	0	0
19.5.71	Oswestry Swimming Baths (Deep end)	0	0	0
	Oswestry Swimming Baths (Shallow end)	0	0	0
1.6.71	Oswestry Swimming Baths (Deep end)	0	0	0
	Oswestry Swimming Baths (Shallow end)	0	0	0
9.6.71	Oswestry Swimming Baths (Deep end)	0	0	0
	Oswestry Swimming Baths (Shallow end)	0	0	0
16.6.71	Oswestry Swimming Baths (Deep end)	0	0	0
	Oswestry Swimming Baths (Shallow end)	0	0	0
24.6.71	Oswestry Swimming Baths (Deep end)	0	0	0
	Oswestry Swimming Baths (Shallow end)	0	0	0
29.6.71	Oswestry Swimming Baths (Deep end)	0	0	0
	Oswestry Swimming Baths (Shallow end)	0	0	0
12.7.71	Oswestry Swimming Baths (Deep end)	0	0	0
	Oswestry Swimming Baths (Shallow end)	0	0	0
20.7.71	Oswestry Swimming Baths (Deep end)	0	0	3
	Oswestry Swimming Baths (Shallow end)	0	0	0
28.7.71	Oswestry Swimming Baths (Deep end)	0	0	0
	Oswestry Swimming Baths (Shallow end)	0	0	0
18.8.71	Oswestry Swimming Baths (Deep end)	0	0	0
	Oswestry Swimming Baths (Shallow end)	0	0	0
26.8.71	Oswestry Swimming Baths (Deep end)	0	0	0
	Oswestry Swimming Baths (Shallow end)	0	0	0
2.9.71	Oswestry Swimming Baths (Deep end)	0	0	0
	Oswestry Swimming Baths (Shallow end)	0	0	0
8.9.71	Oswestry Swimming Baths (Deep end)	0	0	0
	Oswestry Swimming Baths (Shallow end)	0	0	0

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Date	Supply	B.coli	Faecal coli.	Plate Count
14. 9.71	Oswestry Swimming Baths (Deep end)	0	0	0
	Oswestry Swimming Baths (Shallow end)	0	0	0
21. 9.71	Oswestry Swimming Baths (Deep end)	0	0	0
	Oswestry Swimming Baths (Shallow end)	0	0	0
7. 7.71	St. Martins Modern School Swimming Baths (Shallow end)	0	0	0
	St. Martins Modern School Swimming Baths (Deep end)	0	0	0
15. 7.71	St. Martins Modern School Swimming Baths (Shallow end)	0	0	0
	St. Martins Modern School Swimming Baths (Deep end)	0	0	0
22. 7.71	St. Martins Modern School Swimming Baths (Shallow end)	0	0	0
	St. Martins Modern School Swimming Baths (Deep end)	0	0	0
28. 7.71	St. Martins Modern School Swimming Baths (Shallow end)	0	0	0
	St. Martins Modern School Swimming Baths (Deep end)	0	0	0
25. 8.71	St. Martins Modern School Swimming Baths (Shallow end)	0	0	0
	St. Martins Modern School Swimming Baths (Deep end)	0	0	0
15. 9.71	St. Martins Modern School Swimming Baths (Shallow end)	0	0	0
	St. Martins Modern School Swimming Baths (Deep end)	0	0	0
22. 9.71	St. Martins Modern School Swimming Baths (Shallow end)	0	0	0
	St. Martins Modern School Swimming Baths (Deep end)	0	0	0
30. 9.71	St. Martins Modern School Swimming Baths (Shallow end)	0	0	0
	St. Martins Modern School Swimming Baths (Deep end)	0	0	0
7.10.71	St. Martins Modern School Swimming Baths (Shallow end)	0	0	0
	St. Martins Modern School Swimming Baths (Deep end)	0	0	0
26.10.71	St. Martins Modern School Swimming Baths (Shallow end)	0	0	0
	St. Martins Modern School Swimming Baths (Deep end)	0	0	0

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Date	Supply	B.coli	Faecal coli.	Plate Count
4.11.71	St. Martins Modern School Swimming Baths (Shallow end)	0	0	0
	St. Martins Modern School Swimming Baths (Deep end)	0	0	0
16.11.71	St. Martins Modern School Swimming Baths (Shallow end)	0	0	0
	St. Martins Modern School Swimming Baths (Deep end)	0	0	0
8.12.71	St. Martins Modern School Swimming Baths (Shallow end)	0	0	0
	St. Martins Modern School Swimming Baths (Deep end)	0	0	0
15.12.71	St. Martins Modern School Swimming Baths (Shallow end)	0	0	1,200
	St. Martins Modern School Swimming Baths (Deep end)	1	present	2,200
4. 1.71	Gwern-y-daubwll, Maesbrook (filter to well)	0	0	
12. 1.71	Brynteg, Llwynymaen (tap from well)	5	0	
26. 1.71	Ty Coch, Sychtyn (tap from spring)	90	present	
26. 1.71	Cae'r Efail, Sychtyn (spring chamber)	35	0	
26. 1.71	The Smithy, Morton (pumpwell)	90	0	
2. 2.71	The Smithy, Morton (well)	180+	0	

Bacteriological Examination Reports on Water Samples 1971 (continued)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Address</u>		<u>B.Coli</u>	<u>F.Coli</u>
15. 2.71	9 Willow Crescent, West Felton	(tap/mains)	0	0
3. 3.71	District Hospital Kitchen	(tap/mains)	5	0
3. 3.71	Fairholme, Oswestry	(tap/mains)	16	0
4. 3.71	District Hospital Kitchen	(tap/mains)	0	0
8. 3.71	Fairholme, Oswestry	(tap/mains)	3	present
11. 3.71	White Cottage, Knockin Heath	(tap/mains)	0	0
15. 3.71	Fairholme, Oswestry	(tap/mains)	0	0
30. 3.71	Park House, Wykey	(filter/well)	0	0
31. 3.71	Lockhouse, Aston	(borehole)	0	0
7. 4.71	Garden Lodge, Brogyntyn	(tap/reservoir)	0	0
15. 4.71	Stoneleigh, Redwith	(tap/borehole)	0	0
20. 4.71	Little Croft, Maesbrook	(bricked well)	35	0
13. 5.71	Mountain View, Whip Lane, Knockin	(pump/well)	180+	0
20. 5.71	Brynteg, Llwynymaen	(filter/well)	0	0
24. 5.71	1 Tynycoed, Wern, Weston Rhyn	(tap/well)	180+	present
24. 5.71	Penylan	(reservoir)	180+	present
1. 6.71	Ffynnon Deg, Sychtyn	(tap/spring)	2	0
1. 6.71	Ffynnon Deg, Sychtyn	(spring overflow)	4	0
16. 6.71	30 York Street, Oswestry	(tap mains)	0	0
23. 6.71	above 1 Tynycoed, Wern	(roadwell)	14	present
29. 6.71	2 Bradford Cottages, Llanyblodwel	(tap/borehole)	0	0
26. 8.71	Graigwen Fach, Sychtyn, Llansilin	(spring/reservoir)	0	0
31. 8.71	Graigwen Cottage, Sychtyn	(well chamber)	180+	present
16. 9.71	Wernddu Isaf	(cistern from well)	25	present
20. 9.71	Ffynnon Deg, Sychtyn	(filter/reservoir)	0	0
2.11.71	Greenfields Kitchen, Morda	(tap/mains)	0	0
2.11.71	Fairholme, Oswestry (kitchen)	(tap/mains)	0	0
4.11.71	Ifton School Kitchen	(tap/mains)	0	0
11.11.71	District Hospital Kitchen	(tap/mains)	0	0
11.11.71	Orthopaedic Hospital Butchery	(tap/mains)	0	0
17.11.71	Oswestry Abattoir, Willow Street	(tap/mains)	0	0
17.11.71	Church Street, Slaughterhouse	(tap/mains)	0	0
18.11.71	Orchard Street Slaughterhouse	(tap/mains)	0	0
23.11.71	Wernddu Isaf	(well)	160	present
24.11.71	Sychtyn House, Nantmawr	(bricked well)	50	present
30.11.71	Wernddu Isaf	(well)	50	present
13.12.71	Moelydd Ucha, Trefonen	(well)	13	0
30.12.71	19 Cherry Tree Drive, Oswestry	(tap/mains)	0	0
23. 9.71	21 Wheatlands, West Felton	(tap/mains)	0	0

The undermentioned samples have been taken by the West Shropshire Water Board:-

	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
<u>Bacteriological Samples</u>		
Pen-y-Gwely	42	20
Mardy	20	1
Ruyton	45	2
Vyrnwy	26	1
Rednal	20	1

RAINFALL:- The total rainfall for the year recorded at Yorkfields was 27.82
Average over the past twenty years 33.84

PUBLIC SEWERS

During the year a new sewerage system and disposal plant has been in progress in the village of Selattyn. This is a truly Rural village in which modernisation of existing houses and development of new houses has been impeded through lack of proper drainage facilities. Efforts will now be made to have unfit houses modernised.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The refuse collection system remains the same i.e. back door collection by direct labour operating under an incentive bonus scheme. Except for the more truly Rural areas a weekly collection is made. So far as refuse disposal is concerned a new Gondard Pulverising Plant was constructed on the Maesbury Road tipping site and commissioned in September, 1971. The plant deals with approximately 35 tons of refuse per day, all refuse being transported to the plant excepting that collected in Ruyton XI Towns which continues to be disposed of at Shelvock quarry. The continuing use of this tip prevents long haulage from a remote part of the district. It is intended to abandon the Park Hall depot and transfer the salvage baling machines and labour to the pulverising plant site.

STREET CLEANSING

This remains the same as in previous years. Two mechanical sweepers are employed and three manual sweepers. The centre of the Rural Borough is swept daily, this is found to be very necessary, the amount of litter showing an increase.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The Rural District Council is now responsible for all public conveniences in the area. One block at Whittington, five in Oswestry Rural Borough, one at Llanymynech and one at the Racecourse.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS

During the year it was necessary to provide temporary additional labour to deal with the large number of mouse and rat infestations reported to the department. The increase has been brought about to some extent by the cessation by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food treating farms within what was the warfarin resistant belt. The use of acute poisons instead of anti-coagulants, necessary because of resistance, involves greater time in treatment of premises. It may well be necessary to again provide some additional part time labour.

PUBLIC BATHS

The Swimming Baths continue to be as popular as ever and as will be seen from the table dealing with the bacteriological analysis of water supplies, the quality of the water in the pool has been maintained at a high standard. It must be again stated that the condition of the building and necessary facilities are of a low standard and too much emphasis cannot be placed on the need for a new pool with modern amenities and equipment.

PLACES OF ENTERTAINMENT

The two Cinemas in the town received their annual inspection and a certificate was issued regarding their cleanliness, ventilation and adequacy of facilities, a copy of which was submitted to the Magistrates.

LICENSING ACT, 1961

Registered Clubs in the area received their annual inspection. Conditions were found to be entirely satisfactory.

NUISANCES

Number dealt with by Informal Notice	13
Number complied with	13
Number of Abatement Notices	Nil

NORTH WARD GENERAL IMPROVEMENT AREA

Amongst the provisions of the Housing Act 1969, as amended in 1971, powers were granted to local authorities to declare General Improvement Areas (G.I.A.). Greatly increased grants (up to a maximum of £1,500) were made available for the improvement and modernisation of dwellings and for the first time financial assistance was provided to improve the general environmental amenities within the chosen area.

Following preparatory investigations it was decided that the North Ward region of Oswestry was the area most likely to derive maximum benefit from such a scheme of rejuvenation and accordingly the Council chose to declare this sector a G.I.A.

The area contains 539 Council owned properties and 614 houses in private ownership. In consideration of the latter the Health Department was requested to undertake a survey which would provide detailed information in respect of:-

1. The physical condition of each property, with regard to the standards of fitness.
2. The extent to which repairs and improvements were required (if any) to bring the houses up to a quality to comply with the twelve point standard.
3. Such matters as tenure of property, car ownership, structure of population, etc. which would be helpful in planning environmental improvements.

Two members of the inspectorate staff of the Department carried out their inspections during the summer months and a precis of the results is shown as follows:-

Of the 614 premises a block of 75 houses were adjudged to be of good standard not requiring full inspection. Out of the remaining 539 premises access was obtained on 453 occasions (86%).

<u>Facility</u>	<u>No. with Facility</u>	<u>%</u>
Hot Water to Bath	273	60
Cold Water to Bath	279	61
Hot Water to Basin	257	57
Cold Water to Basin	258	57
Hot Water to Sink	363	80
Cold Water to Sink	453	100
Fridge	178	39
Larder	78	17
Internal W.C.	247	54
External W.C.	210	46
Solid Fuel Heating	392	86.6
Gas Heating	45	10
Electricity Heating	15	3
Oil Heating	1	0.4
Major Disrepair	26	5.75
Minor Disrepair	159	35.
Free from Damp	286	63
Adequate Natural Lighting	370	82
Adequate Ventilation	372	82
Car Owner	163	35
Garage	99	22
Front Garden	339	74
Old Age Pensioners	242	-
Children under 10 years	115	-

<u>Facility</u>	<u>No. with Facility</u>	<u>%</u>
1 Bedroomed Dwelling	7	1.5
2 Bedroomed Dwelling	221	49
3 Bedroomed Dwelling	199	44
4 or more Bedroomed Dwelling	26	5.5
Gas or Electric Cooker	451	99.5
House up to twelve point standard	178	39
Houses with standard amenities not up to twelve point standard	55	12
Other	203	45.3
Unfit Houses	17	3.7

Tenure of Property: Of the 453 inspected houses 57.3 were found to be occupied by the owners. However, it is interesting to note that 64% of the dwellings lacking one or more of the standard amenities are tenanted houses.

MEAT INSPECTION

Number of Licensed Slaughterhouses in the District 3

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	1,409	-	28	6,931	3,661
Number inspected	1,409	-	28	6,931	3,661
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis & C. Bovis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	1	-	2
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	265	-	-	257	919
Percentage of number inspected condemned.	18.8	-	3.5	3.7	25.1
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	1	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	83
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	2.2
<u>Cysticercus Bovis</u>					
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	2	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-

CONTROL OF FOOD
SLAUGHTERING FACILITIES

These consist of

- (a) A slaughterhouse run by a company formed by the local butchers (Oswestry & District Wholesale Meat Supply Co. Ltd.,).
- (b) Two small private slaughterhouses - both situate in the Rural Borough.

DETAILS OF CONDEMNATION

Cattle

<u>Abcesses</u>	46 Livers, 6 part Livers, 1 Stomach and Intestines, 1 Peritoneum, Vertebrae & Ribs.	<u>Injury/bruising</u>	3 lbs. Hindquarter, 108 lbs. Beef, 20 lbs. Forequarter, part Rump, 24 lbs. Hindquarter.
<u>Abcess/Fascioliasis</u>	1 Liver, 1 part Liver.		
<u>Actino-bacillosis</u>	4 Heads, 1 Forequarter.		
<u>Actino-mycosis</u>	1 Head.		
<u>Adhesions</u>	1 part Kidney.	<u>Melanoma</u>	1 Liver, 1 part Liver.
<u>Angioma</u>	11 Livers, 1 part Liver.	<u>Multiple Abcesses/ Fascioliasis</u>	1 Liver.
<u>Cysticercus Bovis</u>	2 Heads, 1 Heart.	<u>Nephritis</u>	1 pair Kidneys, 1 Kidney.
<u>Cysts</u>	2 Livers, 5 part Livers, 14 pairs Lungs, 5 Lungs, 4 part Lungs, 1 pair Kidneys, 1 Spleen.	<u>Parasitic</u>	1 pair Lungs, 1 part Liver.
<u>Echinococci</u>	6 pairs Lungs, 4 Livers.	<u>Peritonitis</u>	5 part Livers.
<u>Fascioliasis</u>	23 Livers, 98 part Livers.	<u>Pleurisy</u>	1 pair Lungs.
<u>Fascioliasis/Angioma</u>	1 part Liver.	<u>Tuberculosis</u>	1 Carcase & Offal.
<u>Fascioliasis/Cysts</u>	2 part Livers.		
<u>Fibrosis</u>	1 part Liver.		
<u>Haematoma</u>	1 Liver.		
<u>Hydronephrosis</u>	1 pair kidneys, 1 Kidney.		

CONTROL OF FOOD

Details of Condemnation continued.

PIGS

<u>Abcesses</u>	4 Heads, 3 Forequarters, 1 Leg, part Sow's Hindquarter, part Leg, 4 Hindquarters, 3 Fore-feet, 2 parts Flank, 2 Livers, 2 part Livers.	<u>Parasitic</u>	13 Livers, 8 part Livers, 1 pair Lungs, 2 Kidneys.
<u>Adhesions</u>	2 Livers, 1 pair Lungs.	<u>Pericarditis</u>	9 Hearts, 1 pair Lungs.
<u>Arthritis</u>	1 Hindleg, 1 pair Feet, 8 Trotters, 2 Hocks, 37 lbs. Pork.	<u>Pleurisy</u>	2 Hearts, 3 pairs Lungs.
<u>Ascarides</u>	83 Livers, 27 part Livers, 1 Head.	<u>Pleurisy/Pericarditis</u>	3 Hearts.
<u>Congestion</u>	118 pairs Lungs, 257 Lungs, 5 Livers.		1 Sow's Heart & Lungs, 1 pair Lungs, 3 Lungs, 1 Liver, 1 Pluck.
<u>Congestion/Pneumonia</u>	12 pairs Lungs, 27 Lungs.	<u>Peritonitis</u>	3 Plucks, 2 Fry.
<u>Congestion/Tuberculosis</u>	4 Lungs.	<u>Pleurisy/Peritonitis</u>	2 Plucks, 1 Fry.
<u>Corynebacterium</u>	1 Head.	<u>Pleurisy/Pericarditis/ Ascarides</u>	1 Pluck.
<u>Cysts</u>	5 Livers, 3 part Livers, 2 pairs Sow's Kidneys, 13 Kidneys, 2 Plucks, 1 Spleen.	<u>Pneumonia</u>	144 pairs Lungs, 19 Lungs, 5 part Lungs, 2 Plucks, 3 part Livers.
<u>Emphysema</u>	1 pair Lungs.	<u>Pneumonia/Endocarditis</u>	1 Pluck.
<u>Emphysema/Congestion</u>	3 pairs Lungs.	<u>Pneumonia/Ascarides</u>	8 Plucks.
<u>Echinococcus</u>	7 Livers, 2 pairs Lungs, 1 Sow's Lungs and Liver	<u>Petechae Haemorrhage</u>	2 Kidneys.
<u>Hepatitis</u>	1 Liver.	<u>Pyaemia</u>	1 Sow's Offal.
<u>Injury/bruising</u>	2 Hindlegs, 1 part Foreleg, 1 Trotter, 1 Forefoot.	<u>Retention Cysts</u>	1 pair Sow's Kidneys, 1 pair Kidneys, 1 Kidney.
<u>Necrosis</u>	1 pair Kidneys, 2 Lungs.	<u>Rheumatism</u>	2 pairs Feet, 1 Foreleg.
<u>Nephritis</u>	7 pairs Kidneys, 7 Kidneys.	<u>Septic Pneumonia</u>	1 pair Lungs.
<u>Oedema</u>	1 Carcase & Offal.	<u>Septic Pleurisy</u>	1 pair Lungs.
<u>Lymphadenitis/ Nephritis/Oedema</u>	1 Carcase & Offal.	<u>Tenuicollis</u>	4 Livers.
<u>Growth</u>	1 Sow's Fry.	<u>Tuberculosis</u>	81 Heads, 4 Sow's Heads.

CONTROL OF FOOD

Details of Condemnation continued

Sheep & Lambs.

<u>Abcesses</u>	4 Livers, 2 lbs. Breast, 1 Hindleg, 1 Leg.
<u>Arthritis</u>	2 Legs, 1 Knuckle, 1 part Leg.
<u>Ascarides</u>	1 part Liver.
<u>Cirrhosis</u>	1 Liver.
<u>C. Ovis</u>	3 Hearts.
<u>Cysts</u>	5 Livers, 4 part Livers.
<u>Echinococcus</u>	1 Liver.
<u>Fascioliasis</u>	5 Livers, 2 part Livers.
<u>Fatty Infiltration</u>	3 Livers.
<u>Injury - Bruising</u>	1 Shoulder & trimmings, 1 Foreleg & trimmings, 2 Legs, 1 Head.
<u>Lungworm</u>	3 pairs Lungs,
<u>Melanosis</u>	1 Lung
<u>Oedema</u>	2 lbs. Flank.
<u>Parasitic</u>	128 Livers, 79 part Livers, 2 pairs Lungs, 1 part Lung.
<u>Peritonitis</u>	1 Liver.
<u>Pleurisy</u>	1 Pluck.
<u>Taenia Ovis</u>	5 Hearts.
<u>Tenuicollis</u>	1 part Liver.

Weight Condemned

<u>Meat</u>			Tons	Cwts.	lbs.
(a)	Slaughterhouses	carcase meat and offal	2	8	87
(b)	Retail shops	carcase meat and offal			31

Other Food Surrendered or Condemned

Canned meats		4	17
Other canned foods	1	5	59
Fish (fresh)		2	67
Fruit and Vegetables (fresh)		3	4
Frozen foods due to refrigerator breakdown	1	-	63
Other foods		10	13
TOTAL		5	15
			5

CONTROL OF FOOD

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Number of complaints of foreign bodies in food23

<u>Food</u>	<u>Complaint</u>	<u>Action Taken</u>
Pork in Juice	Mould due to rusting of tin	No Legal Action
Ginger Nut Biscuits	Contained piece of synthetic Rubber	Warning Letter
Crumpets	Mould growth	Prosecution by S.C.C. Fined £10.
Barm Loaf	Piece of cardboard	Prosecution by S.C.C. Fined £15.65
Pork Luncheon Meat	Piece of black rubber	No Legal Action
Pork Luncheon Meat	Piece of black rubber	No Legal Action
Pork Shoulder	Contained insect	No Legal Action
Canned Tomatoes	Mould growth	No Legal Action
Lambs Liver	Calcified hydatid cyst	No Legal Action
Tinned Pineapple	Contained insect	No Legal Action
Sugar	Salty taste	No Legal Action
Neck of Lamb	Decomposed	No Legal Action
Tea	Mould growth	No Legal Action
Vanilla Slice	Contained piece of glass	Prosecution by S.C.C. Fined £20 + Costs £11
Pork	Decomposed	No Legal Action
Meat Pasty	Piece of String	Prosecution by S.C.C. Fined £20 + £11 Costs
Minced Meat	Putrification due to leaving in polythene container	No Legal Action
Mince Pies	Contained rusty staple	Prosecution Fined £25 and costs £68
Corned Beef	Contained Metal Key	No Legal Action
Bread	Mouldy	Prosecution by S.C.C. Fined £20 + £10 Costs
Sliced White Loaf	Mouldy	Warning Letter
Wensleydale Cheese	Insect	No Legal Action
Pasteurised Milk	Dirty Bottle	No Legal Action

CONTROL OF FOOD

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960

Contraventions of the Food Hygiene Regulations

for which notices were served 19

Following is a list of the various food premises in the District:-

Bakehouses

(a) Baking bread and confectionery	8
(b) Catering and confectionery	68

Hotels, Cafes, Snack Bars, Factory and School Canteens are included in this figure. Most of these premises have refrigerated storage, and use a recognised steriliser-detergent for washing up. A number have dishwashing machines which steam sterilise, or double-unit sterilising sinks.

Butchers	17
Fish Fryers	7
Wet Fish	3
Grocers	70
Greengrocers	12
Sweets	20
Licensed Premises	88
Market Halls	1

Mobile Shops

(1) Grocery	5
(2) Greengrocery	-
(3) Fish Fryers	1
(4) Butchers	3

CONTROL OF FOOD

Food Hygiene Regulations continued

Meat Product Preparing Rooms

Number of premises 14

Premises selling Pre-Packed Ice Cream

Number of registered premises 146

There are no manufacturing premises in the district.

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

(A) REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of premises	Number of premises registered during the year	Number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices	1	90	11
Retail Shops	-	185	74
Wholesale Shops Warehouses	-	12	12
Catering Establishments open to the public, canteens	-	23	59
Fuel Storage Depots	-	2	-
Totals	1	312	156
TOTAL NUMBER OF VISITS OF ALL KINDS BY INSPECTORS TO REGISTERED PREMISES UNDER THE ACT			312

In this Schedule -

"general inspection" means any inspection of premises to which the Act applies which is undertaken for the purpose of ascertaining whether all the relevant provisions of the Act and instruments thereunder are complied with as respects those premises; and "registered premises" means any premises in respect of which a notice under section 49 of the Act has been received by a local authority or by the Greater London Council and the expression "premises registered" shall be construed accordingly.

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

(B) ANALYSIS OF CONTRAVENTIONS

Section	Number of Contraventions found		Section	Number of Contraventions found	
4	Cleanliness	5	13	Sitting facilities	1
5	Overcrowding	-	14	Seats (Sedentary Workers)	-
6	Temperature	1	15	Eating Facilities	-
7	Ventilation	-	16	Floors, passages & stairs	5
8	Lighting	-	17	Fencing exposed parts machinery	-
9	Sanitary conveniences	1	18	Protection of young persons working at dangerous machinery	-
10	Washing facilities	7	19	Training of young persons working at dangerous machinery	-
11	Supply of drinking water	-	23	Prohibition of heavy work	-
12	Clothing accommodation	-	24	First Aid	2
				Other matters	10
				TOTAL	32

(C) EXEMPTIONS Number of applications received Nil
 Number of applications granted (i) Space - Nil
 (ii) Temp. - Nil (iii) San. Conv. - Nil
 (iv) running water - Nil

(D) PROSECUTIONS Number instituted and completed Nil

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

(E) REPORTED ACCIDENTS

Workplace	Number Reported		Total No. Investi- gated	Action Recommended	
	Fatal	Non Fatal		Informal Advice	No Action
Offices	-	-	-	-	-
Retail Shops	-	5	1	-	-
Catering Est. open to public Canteens	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	-	5	1	-	-

Analysis of Reported Accidents

	Offices	Retail Shops	Catering Est. etc.
Falls of Persons	-	2	-
Standing on or Striking against object or person	-	1	-
Handling Goods	-	2	-

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	19	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	163	37	2	-
(iii) Other premises (Sec.7).	172	21	-	-
TOTAL	354	58	2	-

FACTORIES ACTS (continued).

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases")

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which Prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1.)	-	-	1	5	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3.)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4.)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6.)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	2	2	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	5	4	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	7	6	1	5	-

